

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE

Serving the Southern Bellarine



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ABN: 13 501 173 192

## Meeting Roster

Date	Guest speaker / Activity	Chair	Greeter Thanker	Assistant Cashier	Raffle	B'days/Anniversary
Monday Aug 24th	Corrine Eccles. Wadawurrung Corporation.	Pearl Macmillan	JoAnne McDowell	John Karis	Andy McKoy	22/8 Rod & Judy Greer, 23/8 Trish Emselle, 24/8 Jenny Schmidt, 26/8 Marg & Hamish Campbell.
Tuesday Aug 31st	District Governor - John Clue	Alan Keyse	Gill Morgan	Ann Hodgkinson	Adrian Schmidt	29/8 Hazel Ford, 31/8 Meredith & Shayne O'Niell, 2/9 Rod & Patsy Bush, 4/9 Graeme & Sandy Chamberlain
Tuesday Sep 7th	District Governor - John Clue	Alan Keyse	Gill Morgan	Ann Hodgkinson	Adrian Schmidt	5/9 Lynne Carlson, 6/9 Lynne and David Carlson, Lisa & Harry Hanley, Jo McDowell, 8/9 Martin Geerings

## Our Club

### President



Alan Keyse

### Secretary



Heather Willson

**Where:** We meet each Tuesday at the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club - unless we're on ZOOM !

**When:** 6pm for 6:30pm (or 7pm ZOOM)

Visitors are Welcome

**Late Apologies:** Lyndy Stagg -

0429 436 858

**Web:** [rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)

**Theme:** Membership & New Club Development Month

**Lookout Reserve Maintenance Roster:**

### Past bulletins

- Available from our website ([rotaryoceangrove.org.au](http://rotaryoceangrove.org.au)) via the 'Our Club' menu.

**Market contact:** 0401 606 036

**Art Show contact:** 0417 319 465

We acknowledge the traditional First Nation owners of country throughout Victoria and their ongoing connection to this land. We pay our respects to their culture and their Elders, past, present and emerging.

## Report of Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Bellarine North, 16 August 2021

Thirty-two members attended this meeting held at the Portarlington Golf Club. This is an attractive new facility and the meal was excellent.



A nice bus trip



We even had our own conductor !



President Alan addresses the group

## Report by President Alan Keyse

\*Job descriptions for officials at meeting were handed out. See Secretary Heather Willson if you did not get one.

## Members: Coming Events:

Footy Gates - start this weekend !

## Wisdom for the week ....

Humans are not designed to have the entire world's news thrown at them all the time.

## Joke of the week ....

"This is your great-grandma and great grandpa," I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. "Do you think I look like them?" He shook his head. "Not yet."

## One liners ....

- There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.
- I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently I need to pay more attention during school pick-up.
- I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust!
- Sign in a Veterinarian's waiting room:  
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit... Stay.."

## Links .....

### Rotary International:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### Rotary District 9780:

[www.rotary9780.org](http://www.rotary9780.org)

### Footy Tipping

[www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)

## Please remember:

You receive an email each week asking about your attendance at the following meeting. - **please respond when you get it** - it's a very simple process.

• Alan thanked Bellarine North on behalf of our members for this chance to meet them. Bellarine North now has thirty-one members including many new people.

## Guest Speakers: Volunteers from Queenscliff Coast Guard



Between 1956 and 1976 a rescue lifeguard service ran at Queenscliff until it was closed due to the age of their boat. In 1976 Coast Guard Queenscliff was established. It is a volunteer emergency service which works under the water police. The Coast Guard consists of 18 local flotillas with 900 members in Victoria. In emergencies, call 000 and the water police will dispatch the nearest service. There are also services in Ocean Grove, Torquay and on the Nepean Peninsula. They are also a CFA brigade which responds to emergency fires on boats or other water incidents. Fibreglass boats burn quickly.

They are engaged in community education involving public education, market stalls, newsletters and facebook and public presentations. Members have qualifications as coxswains, general purpose hands and support service team skills. They undergo extensive training. They also provide marine search and rescue. The main problem boaters experience are mechanical failures together with running out of fuel, running aground and flat batteries. In 2020 they went to 72 jobs. In 2021 this rose to 90 jobs with most of the increase from mechanical failures due to poor preparation by boaters before going out.

In 2020/2021, they provided 27 hours of operations at \$50 per hour or a cost of \$50,000. Sixty-six percent of these costs were covered by the State Government and the rest from sponsorship, fund raising and donations, particularly from the Lions Club. New capital projects were solar panels for their Headquarters, new shed and fencing, a

navigation system, video conferencing facilities, and a marine rescue mannequin. They are now seeking to fund two spotlights for night searching and a Dolphin Remote Control Drone.

For information [www.coastguard.com.au](http://www.coastguard.com.au)

**Guitars for Vets:** Graham O'Donnell submitted this report from Deakin.

**Guitars for Veterans Australia** (G4VA) is a great new initiative that is helping Australian Veterans experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) express themselves through the healing power of music. Dave Cox, founding member of G4VA, presented to Rotary Club Ocean Grove earlier in the year. As a result, Graham O'Donnell facilitated for G4VA to partner with Deakin University's FreelancingHUB on a student-led project, which commenced in early July. The FreelancingHUB falls under Deakin University's Graduate Employment Division and is part of DeakinTALENT. The FreelancingHUB partners with non-profit and government agencies to work together on impactful multidisciplinary projects. The projects are student-run and managed by an experienced project manager.



G4VA provides veterans with a free guitar and a formal lesson plan as an opportunity to learn a new skill and find a creative outlet or even a new direction. Following the mantra '*where words fail, music speaks*', G4V is bringing the healing power of music and self-expression to help veterans who are struggling with their mental health.

G4VA is a not-for-profit ACNC charity grassroots team of volunteers that accept donated guitars from the community and provides them to willing veterans, along with a formal ten-lesson plan to help learn how to play the instrument. This amazing organisation has already helped over 100 veterans by providing 100+ guitars and 1000+ lessons. G4VA is currently seeking industry sponsorship support to continue the supply of guitars and lesson funding.

The FreelancingHUB is assisting G4VA to deliver the following outcomes by early October:

- research and provide a strong evidence base to support the healing power of music in treating mental health conditions such as PTSD in veterans
- create a sponsorship plan and accompanying sponsorship pack (to be sent out to potential sponsors)
- create a communications strategy and social media plan to increase awareness of G4VA to the general public, veterans that are in need of assistance, and potential industry sponsors

The team is just over 4 weeks into this project and are progressing well on the agreed scope of works.

G4VA recently produced a promotional CD *Where Words Fail* – The FreelancingHUB team has recently purchased and we can say first-hand that this is a fantastic album of uplifting and soulful music. Each CD purchased at \$30 will fund a guitar lesson for a Vet. If you are interested in supporting this organisation either by purchasing a CD and/or discussing potential sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dave at: [cdpromo@guitarsforvetsaustralia.com](mailto:cdpromo@guitarsforvetsaustralia.com) (for the purchase of a CD) or [g4vetsa@gmail.com](mailto:g4vetsa@gmail.com) (for general or sponsorship related).





**Six great Confusions still Unresolved.**

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. In the word scent, is "S" is silent or "C"?
3. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
4. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
5. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made.

Since I bought this toy for my dog...  
no more salesmen,  
break-ins, or friends popping in  
unannounced.  
Just peace & quiet.



When this is over,  
the first person to walk  
out of a chip shop is going  
to get torn apart by a  
flock of starving seagulls

**I'll never forget the  
look on the cashiers  
face, when she  
scanned the packet of  
bird seed,  
And I asked her how  
long does it take for  
the birds to grow once  
I plant them.**



**I told my wife  
she should  
embrace her  
mistakes...  
She hugged me.**



**I MIGHT WAKE UP EARLY  
AND GO RUNNING. I ALSO MIGHT  
WAKE UP AND WIN THE LOTTERY.  
THE ODDS ARE ABOUT THE SAME.**

